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School awaits NCATE

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Though the teacher education program has spent the last three years preparing for accreditation, it still must wait another year.

Members of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education tentatively are scheduled to visit Missouri Southern Oct. 27-30, 1991. A team will evaluate the College's teacher education program and decide if it should be re-accredited for another five years.

The department's preparation, led by Dr. Rosanne Joiner, director of teacher education, has been spent meeting NCATE's preconditions, a set of requirements that must be met within the department before the team arrives here. Some of those preconditions are:

■ Proof of regular evaluation of the department;

■ Inclusion of criteria for admission to basic teacher programs that include assessment of basic skills and other appropriate measures prior to admission to program;

■ Approval by a state evaluating agency;

■ Assessment of the academic and professional competencies of education students at exit from all levels.

Requirements must be met in each "learned society" of teacher education, including biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, physical education, and social sciences. These departments, under teacher education, must respond to standards involving general education, courses

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Finishing up

Danny Woolever, of Dalton-Kilinger Construction Co., installs the front windows in the new apartment building yesterday. Completion is expected by Oct. 1.

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Phelps set for presidency of Board

Regent says College should employ more local support as state funding dwindles

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Pat Phelps, a native of Carthage, officially begins his term as president of the Board of Regents when it meets Sept. 21.

Phelps, a trust officer for United Missouri Bank in Carthage, has served on the Board since 1983. As president, he replaces Russell Smith, who will remain on the Board until a replacement is named later this year.



Pat Phelps

page); and studying the feasibility of a multi-purpose arena.

While the position of president does not involve initiating policy changes for the College, Phelps admits there are different perceptions of how a person handles the job. He is reluctant to speak for all Board members, but said there are "substantial challenges" facing Southern.

"One of the challenges is how we are going to implement this new international mission that will shape our school dramatically," Phelps said. "How are we going to prepare our students in an environment where the funding mechanism is going to be without money?"

Phelps stopped short of advocating a tax increase for higher education, already backed by many state legislators. Local support is the key, he said.

"Education is going to have to be very resourceful in the way it pre-

sents itself. It will take more of a local effort to support the College."

Unlike the communications/social sciences building, the multi-purpose arena will require local monies as the state can provide only minimal funds for the structure.

The Board is studying, in conjunction with area cities and officials, the arena's feasibility. Though it would be located at Southern, the facility would serve the four-state area. The Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium's inability to accommodate large crowds concerns Phelps. He also worries about the safety of football teams who have to cross Duquesne Road to reach the stadium. Having the multi-purpose arena near the stadium would eliminate that.

"It absolutely scares me to death when our football team or the opposing football team has to cross the road to get to the field," Phelps said.

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For the communications/social sciences building, the College has received just slightly more than \$1 million of the projected \$6.6 million cost. The facility remains the Board's top priority, according to Phelps, with the multi-purpose arena running second.

"There is some major funding yet to come on that," Phelps said. "It [communications/social sciences building] is now something that we are going to have to see to fruition."

While the College is not uncovering rocks looking for potential revenue, Phelps believes there is one area that, with some work, could bring some needed money.

"I would like to see the Alumni Association strengthened," he said. "I think they do a fine job with the Phon-A-Thon, but I would like to see us get back in touch with even more people who have roots with us."

College makes plans for facility

Tiede optimistic about construction

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Little by little, the pieces are beginning to fall into place for Missouri Southern's long-awaited communications/social sciences building.

For nearly three years the College has been planning its construction, but funding has been the major obstacle. Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said about \$900,000 was allotted for the building at the last legislative session. This amount will be added to the \$250,000 appropriation the College received last year.

"We waited to use the first allocation in hopes that we would receive more to work with," Tiede said. "Now, with the additional funding we have enough to build the skeleton."

Building of the infra-structure could begin around March 1 if all goes as planned. Tiede said the College is bidding time in order to prevent a break in construction.

"It's hard to build half a building



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and then stop," he said. "We're waiting to create the right timing. Ideally, we will get the rest of the money and be able to follow straight through with construction."

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Senate president wants more action

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The agenda for this year's Faculty Senate may include a shift in roles if Bruce Kelley, assistant professor of computer science, gets his way.

Kelley, newly elected Faculty Senate president, said he would like to see the body change in scope from reactionary to action starting with its first meeting Monday.

"I would like to see the Senate become more actionary in the sense that we try to work on solving problems rather than reacting to the problem itself," he said.

With this change, Kelley said, he does not anticipate cancellation of a meeting. At least five meetings were cancelled last year due to a lack of business.

"I don't perceive missing any regularly scheduled meetings this year," said Kelley, "if we can develop suggested goals and work toward those goals."

"If you're reactionary in nature and you have nothing to react to, you have no reason to meet."

Kelley said he joined the Senate out of a sense of responsibility and has several goals to suggest for meetings this year.

"I didn't join the Senate with the purpose of becoming Senate president," he said. "I was asked by the faculty to run for Senate president, so I felt it was my responsibility to seek the election."

Among the goals Kelley holds for the Senate is a rebuilding of the body's credibility and boosting the interest of the College as to the actions of the Senate.

Program aims to prevent drunk driving incidents among students

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Instances of drunken driving soon may be on the decline with the introduction of a new program in the Joplin area.

The program, known as Creatively Helping to Establish an Educated and Responsible Society (CHEERS), is sponsored by the Missouri Division of Highway Safety and involves promotion of the "designated driver" system.

According to Val Carlisle, director of student activities and coordinator of the project, the College was approached with the plan on Sept. 4 and funding was secured the same day.

"They (the administration) immediately

adopted it as a good idea," she said, "and I think we probably set a land speed record in getting funding for the program."

According to the plan, local bars and restaurants that cater to a younger crowd will be asked to participate by providing special mugs for designated drivers who come to their businesses.

The designated driver will receive free snacks and non-alcoholic drinks from the establishment.

The mug will be inscribed with the CHEERS insignia as well as the logos of 10 independent sponsors. Among the sponsors are The Chart, KOCD radio, The Joplin Globe, KSNF-TV, the Residence Hall Association, Campus Activities Board, the Missouri Southern ticket office, and Frank Evans Distributing.

According to Carlisle, the state will provide the bulk of the funding. This will include posters for the restaurants and bars to display buttons, hats, T-shirts, key chains, and mugs with the CHEERS logo. Southern will pay for only the extra logos printed on the cups.

Carlisle said a list has been compiled of drinking establishments in the area, and letters will be sent to them today to introduce the program.

Special permission had to be obtained from the state to include certain establishments because they are in Kansas. Although the project utilizes state funding, it was decided that Missouri funds could be used for out-of-state businesses because of Joplin's proximity to Kansas and the tendency of Joplin residents to frequent

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Kansas establishments.

Carlisle believes the response from businesses will be favorable because it provides an organized method to implement the system.

"I think it will be a success because bars and restaurants have tried this informally

several times," she said. "But this will be an organized, community-wide program with a big press push in the middle of October."

She said October is a good time to start the plan because of a higher occurrence of drunk driving after that time.

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offered in the discipline, what is taught, and how it is taught.

According to Dr. Ed Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology, faculty in the teacher education program have already completed and submitted other pre-conditions required by NCATE. The program also must submit the mission statements of the College and the teacher education program, as well as the philosophy and objectives of the program.

"It's been a lot of work," Merryman said.

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The building will cost about \$6.6 million. That figure has inflated nearly \$400,000 from the initial estimate. Tiede does not foresee a problem in getting the additional funding.

"I'm very optimistic," he said. "I don't think the state will appropriate those kind of dollars and then walk away. The money can't trickle in anymore."

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) is positive as well.

"I am firmly committed to getting the final appropriation for the building," he said. "We've come this far, and I'm almost certain the remainder of the money will follow."

Singleton said the State Senate will not discuss finances for the next fiscal year until November or December.

"We won't know more for a couple of months," he said, "but that doesn't mean we aren't working on it."

According to Tiede, Singleton and members of the Missouri House have been "very helpful." He said the March death of Sen. Richard Web-

ster (R-Carthage), whose name the new building will bear, has not necessarily been the only factor which moved the project ahead.

"He carried a lot of weight," said Tiede. "I don't think it's been any more galvanized—it's a different approach."

If the necessary funding is allocated as planned, Tiede estimates completion in 18 months from beginning to end.

"I'm not quite as optimistic on that," he said. "There will be somewhat of a gap, even though we've timed it as well as we can. Construction is geared on time schedules. Obviously the contractor won't order materials unless he is assured that the money will come through."

Tiede said 18 months is a lenient estimate. The addition to Matthews Hall was constructed in less than two months. He accredited the brevity to favorable weather conditions.

Once completed, the multi-pur-

pose, three-story building will provide general classroom space on the first floor for several departments, including English, art, and mathematics. In addition, the north end of the first floor will house KXMS, the College's radio station, and MSTV, the College's television station, as well as a teleclassroom.

The second floor will become home to the social sciences department, including classrooms and office space. Level three will be occupied by the communications department with offices for *The Chart*, *Crossroads*, and other departmental staff.

Other special features include a Macintosh laboratory and a 400-seat multi-purpose lecture/recital hall.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education will convene tomorrow in Rolla to discuss capital recommendations. Tiede expects the board to recommend the additional funding for the building.

Though the program prepared extensively for NCATE, it also must brace itself for what is considered a "difficult" review by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), scheduled to visit Sept. 24-27, 1991.

"There is supposed to be reciprocity," he said. "If a student gets his training at an NCATE school, then those credits earned will usually be transferred. It might help our students to get certification in other states."

NCATE's maximum re-accreditation is five years.



In a day's work

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Bill Henderson, a painter for the College, finishes a column on the south side of the Spiva Art Center Monday afternoon.

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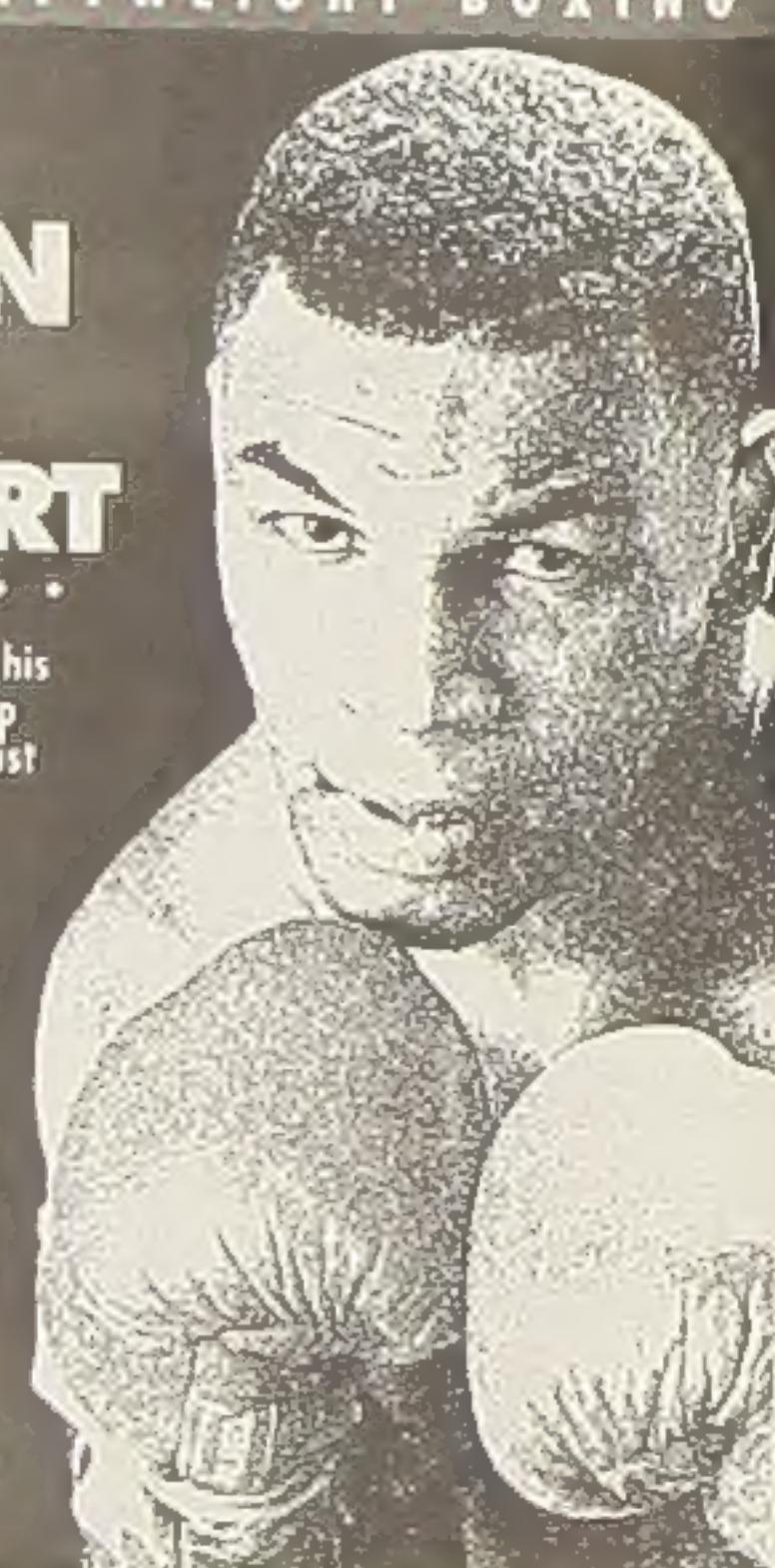
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Orientation classes to view new video

BY KELLY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

College Orientation students will view a new video this year as part of an alcohol-abuse seminar being presented next week.

"Drinking and Driving: the Toll, the Tears," hosted by Phil Donahue and Kelly Burke, replaces "Reach Out," a music video presented last year.

tributes the video to various community organizations, clubs, and schools throughout the nation. Endorsed by the United States Conference of Mayors and the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, the video makes a "strong statement" about the growing problem of alcohol abuse in America and the astounding number of automobile accidents that occur every year.

"Sixty-five deaths and 2,000 in-

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—Lori LeBahn, director of College Orientation

According to Lori LeBahn, director of College Orientation, the new video takes a more realistic approach toward alcohol abuse.

"You can't watch this video and feel nothing about the tragedies caused by drinking and driving," LeBahn said. "It brings the problem close to home, and everyone can relate one way or another to any or all of the individual stories portrayed in the film."

"Reach Out" was an 11-minute dramatization set to music of the same title. Actors depicted a scene and its aftermath revolving around one family affected by a drunk driver's accident. LeBahn thought it was no longer effective because it was a staged scenario and had become outdated.

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juries each day are attributed to alcohol-related accidents," LeBahn said, "and drunk drivers aren't only those who sit in bars all day and drink themselves into oblivion."

"Drunk drivers can be you, me, an aunt, or a next-door neighbor. It only takes that one use of poor judgment to add anyone's name to that category."

In the video, the drunk drivers, their victims, and families on both sides are interviewed as all aspects of the problem are explored.

Gina Miller, senior orientation leader, believes the video will make many students think twice the next time they decide to drink.

"It's a great video because you see the loss; the financial loss, the emotional loss, the time loss, the loss of freedom, the loss of integrity, and the loss of self-esteem," said Miller.

"I left the viewing session with quite a different outlook toward drinking and driving. It leaves you scared for your family, friends, and yourself."



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The procedure

Nursing majors Tammi Moore (left) and Nicole Dorman (right) work on spine staining in David Tillman's Medical Microbiology class Tuesday afternoon.

Group offers support, news

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A support group started in Joplin is aimed at reducing anxiety for the relatives of soldiers in the Middle East.

Diane West, founder of the group, said she got the idea when she and her youngest son received word that her oldest son, Tom, would be leaving for the Persian Gulf.

"It was founded because I'm a mommy who has a boy who went over there," she said.

According to West, her younger

son, Joe, called members of Joplin's media soon after and "got the ball rolling."

"It just sort of escalated," she said. "It was not something we set out to be as big as it is."

The group now includes more than 90 families within a 50-mile radius of Joplin. West said most members have relatives there, however, the group is open to people with friends involved in the crisis or those who are simply concerned.

"I think it gives us a common bond," she said. "We're all in the same situation, and there are vary-

ing degrees of how upset people are.

"It's just a common place where we can come and share news that we have all heard," West said.

The group has met twice, drawing about 110 people to the first meeting. All future meetings will be held at the Veterans Foreign Wars facility on Tuesday nights at 7:30.

West said it is important that anyone concerned send gifts or letters to troops stationed in the Gulf to lend "moral support." Interested persons may contact the Joplin Red Cross for more details.

Senate wants boost in voting

BY DIANE VAN DERA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

As elections for senators draw near, the Student Senate is gearing up for a new semester.

The elections are scheduled for Wednesday in the stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center. However, Mary Hanewinkel, Senate president, says the executive board has considered holding elections in other buildings on campus. She says this might help overcome a declining voter turnout.

"Right now it's not feasible," said Hanewinkel. "There is no way we could tell whether or not someone voted in one building then went and voted again in another. It would have to be done by computer. It's still a tentative idea."

"It's really hard to boost student voting. We've got our posters up, but basically it's word of mouth."

Hanewinkel says she wants the Senate to be more to students than just a funding dispenser.

"We want to help with more student organizations and the Phon-A-Thon, which we already do monetarily. That is part of the reason we're setting up the campus monitor."

The campus monitor will keep a finger on the pulse of campus organizations. The monitor will collect the minutes and announcements from all campus-related organizations and clubs and report to the Senate.

Preceding its first meeting on Sept. 26, the Senate will have a picnic to introduce new senators to each other, orient them to what a senator's role is, and take individual pictures for display in the BSC.



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OUR EDITORIALS

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The great wait

The great wait is on. The teacher education program, with Dr. Rosanne Joyner at the helm, has finished its three-year cycle of preparation for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The program has met the preconditions set forth by NCATE and now will wait until October 1991, when a group of NCATE members will arrive at Southern, ready to grade.

The maximum accreditation is five years; to get ready, the program puts in three years of preparation. That's an awful lot of work for such a short accreditation period.

Also, cost is a matter. It is possible the College could spend up to \$25,000 to bring NCATE. Southern must foot travel, lodging, and food expenses for all members of the team.

\$25,000 may seem like a lot of cash, but it is clear that the money will be well spent. The teacher education program is a successful one, and students depend on such accreditation to make their degrees credible.

Those involved with the teacher education program are optimistic that it will be accredited for the maximum time. Even if it is, however, there's no doubt the program will immediately turn its head to NCATE's next visit.

Inherently, the teacher education program must assess itself almost always. The program should serve as a model for other departments, demonstrating the need for continual assessment. There are only a handful of departments on campus that aggressively pursue assessment. We hope that amount increases.

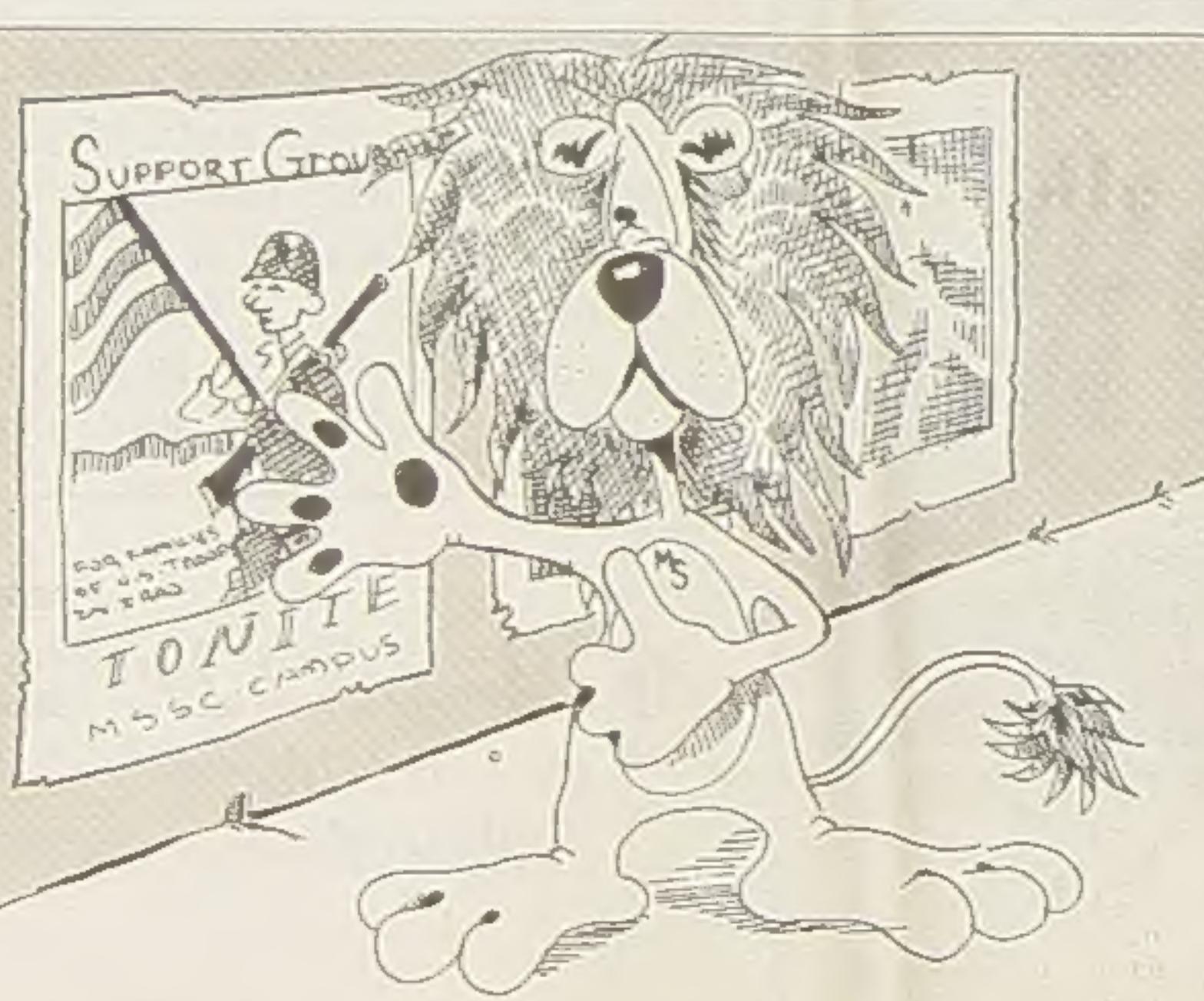
We care here

There are two new efforts this week that call attention to Southern's and the community's penchant for caring. CHEERS, an organized designated drivers program, has targeted drunk driving as a problem among college students. By enlisting the assistance of area tavern and bar owners, the Campus Activities Board hopes to decrease the number of drunk driving incidents among students and the community. The cost to the businesses for supporting this are almost non-existent and the benefits are great. *The Chart* has done its part in supporting this venture, one we believe will be successful.

Also, a group was recently established to provide information and support for troops recently deployed to Saudi Arabia. Because some faculty, staff, and students may soon be called to duty, there is a need for such an organization, and students are encouraged to join.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.



If tipping, be sure to do it for everyone

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Waitresses, waiters, courtesy clerks at grocery stores, pizza deliverers, hair stylists—the list seems endless anymore. Employers continue to pay their help lower wages, promising tips in the bargain. So who picks up the tab?

The waitress, smile in place, brings your check to you after she is certain "everything was OK." Your eyes are drawn to the circled "total" at the bottom of the tab—but wait—is that really the total? Of course not; do not forget to figure in a 15 percent tip. On a similar note, does anyone actually believe that pizza delivery is free? Unless you are unmoved by the driver's story of how hard your house was to find, your "free" delivery will experience inflation by a dollar or two.

Tipping has become customary over the years, somewhat mandatory in recent years. It is viewed by some as a nice gesture, by others as preservation of conscience. The tip is traditionally a bonus given for good service. As a consumer, I expect acceptable service in the first place and should not have to pay extra for it.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

It has gotten so out of hand that some restaurants have begun to automatically include a 15 percent gratuity. This practice completely defies the intended reason for tipping in the first place. I suppose it doesn't really matter anymore, however. Many people leave a tip regardless of the quality of their service because they feel guilty if they do not. Recently, I was dining out with my parents and asked for a glass of water three times. When the waitress finally brought the water, she spilled it all over our food and then blamed the incident on my younger brother. Despite my objections, my father still left a tip.

I am just as guilty. Just two weeks later, I found myself doing the same thing. Although I walked out of the beauty salon looking worse than when I went in, I gave the hairstylist a tip. My action completely perplexes me since I cannot even understand why you should tip a hairstylist in the first place. I expect them to do a good job; that is what they are paid for.

Granted, these people work hard for their money—some of them too hard. It is obvious that some waiters and waitresses do everything but tap dance on their head to earn those sacred tips. You know the ones—"Where are you from...Oh, it's lovely there this time of year...What brings you this way?" And they expect you to answer in spite of the fact that your mouth is full of food. If I wanted small talk, I would go to

the dentist. As I once told a particularly annoying waiter, friendly is good, but fake is not.

I was a waitress two summers ago at a small, country restaurant where I was tipped for being friendly (not fake) and courteous. The summer after that I was a lifeguard, where I was equally friendly and courteous, but received nothing for my trouble after I fearlessly dove into the turbulent pools when it was raining and 60 degrees outside to rescue a pair of Raybans. (I saved more sunglasses and car keys that summer than I did people.)

Waitresses, waiters, courtesy clerks at grocery stores, pizza deliverers, hair stylists, and the other should be paid well by their employers—not by the consumers. There should not be a distinction between minimum wage for a waitress and minimum wage for all other occupations. Perhaps if we would start giving a note to these employees to give to their bosses that read, "This person did an excellent job, please make a note of it in their paycheck," they would get the hint that we are tired of paying extra for good service, especially when it is not that good.

If you insist on continuing to tip because you're a generous person, or because your conscience forces you to, please do not discriminate. Be sure that you also leave a little something for the counter help at McDonald's because she was so friendly and placed your Big Mac in the sack so skillfully, and do not forget to tip your professors when they give a spell-binding lecture. By the way, my collection box will be waiting in *The Chart* office.

College faces myriad of change in 90s

BY DR. JOHN W. TIEDE
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

As we embark on the first academic year of a new decade, I can only marvel at the changes that we have seen on campus in the past five years. I feel that we will be faced with even more significant changes in the coming 10 years. Higher education, in general, has not seemed to be the agent of change that perhaps one would think, given the number of intellects on campuses. My friend Dr. Leitle, would probably attribute this to the fact that too many committees are used in the decision-making process.

However, we here at Missouri Southern seem to be an exception to that general rule. We have a president who has no peer as a visionary, and our faculty and staff have been very supportive of change. However, I feel as the old saying goes, "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

In the 1990s, the institutions, both profit and non-profit, which prosper, will be the ones who are flexible and can adapt to the changing environment. Some of the significant changes which Southern will be facing are addressed in following paragraphs.

Implementation of a "sharpened" mission, built around an international emphasis, will loom as one of the biggest changes. Faculty support in "internationalizing" the curriculum will be critical. Ideally, each course on campus would have an international component incorporated into the course material during the semester. We need to expand our foreign language offerings, both in numbers of sections of current languages and also in the number of languages available. A long-range goal might be to have each grad-



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uate demonstrate proficiency in a second language. Additionally, such activities as student/faculty exchanges, international cultural events, and establishment of an international trade center would enhance our international mission. These changes should provide us with a distinctive mission.

Another change with which we must deal is a declining high school senior population. Beginning with the graduating class of 1990, the aggregate number of projected high school seniors will drop for the next six years. This will necessitate increased efforts on the part of faculty and staff in both recruitment and retention. For crucial areas such as science, math, and foreign language, it may be desirable to set numerical goals for the number of graduates that would be expected each year.

A third major change facing us during the '90s is the changing political/governmental environment. Currently the Coordinating Board is encouraging changes in three areas: differentiated missions, updated institutional plans, and performance budgeting. The latter issue is tied to the decline in state funding. Higher education's share of general revenue has dropped from a high of 18 percent to 15 percent in the last fiscal year. Missouri Southern's share of the higher education budget has declined in relative terms. We currently receive the lowest appropriation per student in the state. Performance funding is intended to serve as a merit-based tool for increased funding. However, this approach is predicted on increased revenues, either via increased taxes or a return to a higher percent of general revenue. Without increased resources, performance funding could become a disincentive. Stagnant resources would necessitate evaluation of a policy to limit enrollment. If such a policy was to become a reality, increased admission standards would play an integral role.

Additional facilities are another area of change. The new Social Science/Communications building will simply allow us to provide for our current enrollment. Any additional enrollment will place a strain on library and classroom space. If our new mission attracts more full-time students from outside our service area, a new dormitory will be necessary. Any increase in dormitory space must be accompanied with new cafeteria space. One of the most exciting projects is the proposed new arena. Not only would it provide for academic and athletic use by our students, but it would provide an economic boost to the entire county. A similar building in a smaller market in Missouri attracted over 370,000 users last year.

Finally, new and revised programs will provide changes in our curriculum and the way we deliver some of our courses. The schools of business and technology have joined together to formulate a new program in computer integrated manufacturing. This program will enable us to train managers who are familiar with the latest in manufacturing concepts and design. The communications department has received a license to begin operation of an Instructional Television Fixed Service. This system will allow us to reach six cities within our service region with four different types of service. These four services would include MSTV, community continuing education classes, interactive TV courses, and professional continuing education classes. The department of education is in the process of upgrading its admission requirements. Future students will be required to score a 20 on the ACT and have a 2.75 grade-point for admission to the teacher education program.

These areas represent only a few of the myriad of changes which Southern faces during the next decade. I hope the students, faculty, and staff join me in looking forward with excitement to the changing world of the '90s. Change is inevitable. It is not whether we accept or reject it, but how we react to it, that makes the difference.

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Islands dispute:

Japan seeks return of four territories occupied by Soviet Union since 1945

ASAHI NEWS SERVICE ▶

TOKYO—Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's visit to Japan Sept. 4-7 marked the beginning of a new and warmer stage in relations between two nations that have yet to sign a peace treaty ending World War II between them.

Shevardnadze's third visit to Japan was to lay the groundwork for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Japan in mid-April.

According to Japanese officials, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu told Shevardnadze that he would like to make Gorbachev's visit an opportunity for solving problems between the two countries, including the signing of a peace treaty and the return to Japan of four islands occupied by the Soviet Union since the closing days of World War II and claimed by both countries.

Japan claims the islands were part of a commercial treaty with Imperial Russia in the last century. Tokyo maintains improved relations with Moscow depend on the return of the four islands of Kunashiri, Etorofu, Habomai, and Shikotan off the northernmost main Japanese island of Hokkaido.

Both Japanese and Soviet experts say a visit by Gorbachev will likely mark a step toward solving the islands issue. The dispute has for 45 years stood in the way of the two nations signing a peace treaty formally end the war.

Soviet experts say opinions in Moscow differ on the islands. Conservatives within the Communist Party oppose the return of any of the islands, while middle-of-the-road

reformists among scholars say two smaller islands should be returned to Japan. Gorbachev's stance is not known, but some Japanese experts say he is somewhere in between.

Japan has said that it will not extend economic aid to the Soviet Union unless it gets them back. The Soviets, meanwhile, need Japan's economic and technological cooperation, but have shown no signs of negotiating and have until recently said no issue existed.

While Shevardnadze did not make any concrete concessions, he indicated signs of a softer attitude, an improvement from the point of view of the Japanese.

"It is a step forward in the fact that the Soviet side recognized the importance of the territorial issue," said Masashi Nishihara, professor of international politics at the National Defense Academy. "But at the same time Shevardnadze said that it is the most difficult problem. The Soviets may be urging Japan to make concessions in preparation for Gorbachev's visit."

Japan, too, has shown signs of softening.

For the first time, the soon-to-be-published annual white paper on defense will not refer to Soviet military forces in the Far East as a "potential threat," in accordance with Prime Minister Kaifu's wish to avoid unnecessary tension with the Soviet Union, government sources recently said.

Shevardnadze, who last visited Japan in 1988, said the time has become "ripe for President Gorbachev's visit to Japan," and that "the visit will be a turning point in the bilateral relationship."

Iraqi actions wound Arafat, put Hussein at front of Arab struggle

BY TAHSEEN BASHEER
LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

[Editor's note: Tahseen Basheer, a veteran Egyptian diplomat, is Egypt's ambassador-at-large. He also served as the spokesman for Anwar Sadat when Sadat was President of Egypt.]

Yasser Arafat was Saddam Hussein's first hostage. With two-thirds of his Palestine Liberation Organization's fighting men residing in Baghdad, what could Arafat do but support his host?

By invading Kuwait, Hussein trapped his Palestinian friends on the wrong side of the world opinion so critical to their struggle. Indeed, they may have terminally marginalized them.

Three factors led to the PLO's present, and perhaps last, dilemma.

First, because the Palestinians do not have a land of their own, they can only find security by befriending a regime and serving its interests. Baghdad is just the last stop. In the past two decades, the PLO under Arafat has moved the headquarters of its diaspora from Jordan to Lebanon to Tunisia in pursuit of a secure base. As Arafat says, "I have my suitcase, but I don't even have a tomb in Palestine."

The PLO's latest residence, Tunisia, has been at best a temporary and distant refuge for the PLO leadership, but never a sanctuary. The PLO's top military commander, Abu Jihad, was assassinated by Israeli agents in his villa there in 1988. Since then, PLO forces have been shifting toward Baghdad and Yemen.

This compounds the pressure on Arafat, because it creates divisions between Palestinians who believe in Hussein's new mirage and those realists such as Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij who say Hussein has not only downgraded the Palestinian

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Toxic Cloud

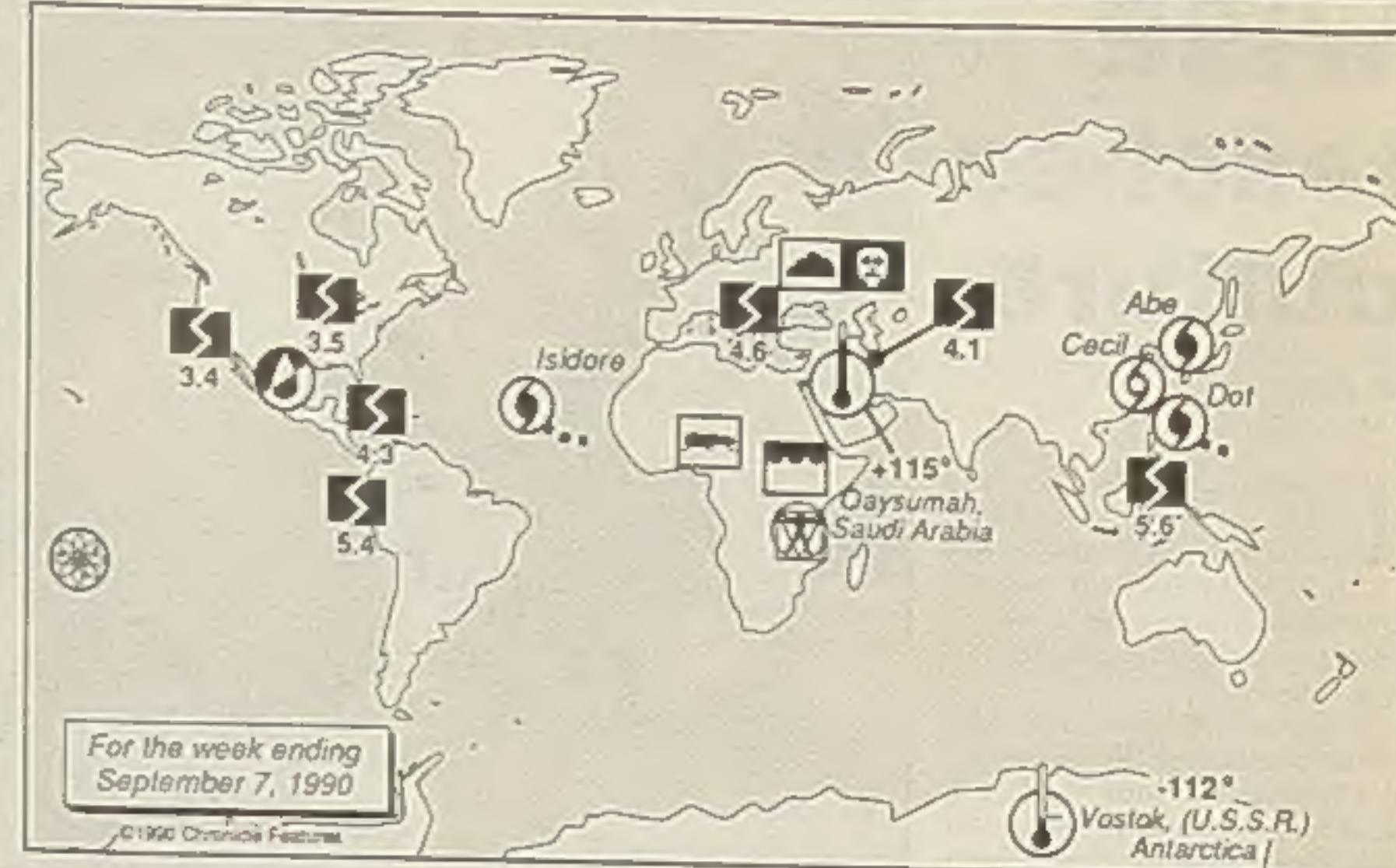
A poisonous cloud, containing toxic chemicals, hovered over the Soviet city of Ufa after an explosion and fire ripped through a chemical plant. All medical centers in the area were placed on alert, and residents were warned to remain indoors until the cloud had passed. A stream of chemicals from the facility also poured into the nearby Olimka river that provides more than half of Ufa's drinking water. The day after the explosion, levels of phenol, a potentially lethal chemical that paralyzes the central nervous system, were discovered to be 37 times higher in the river than the acceptable limit.

Black Death

A health alert was declared in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi following an outbreak of bubonic plague which killed three people from a low-income neighborhood, and sickened 23 others. The three victims worked at a flour mill that has been closed temporarily as a precaution against the further spread of the disease. Also known as the Black Death, bubonic plague killed millions when it swept across Europe and parts of Asia in the 14th century. It is transmitted by flies from infected rats, and is treatable with antibiotics.

Tropical Storms

High winds and flooding from typhoon Abe killed 108 people as it swept across Taiwan and the Chinese mainland. The storm later brought gales and heavy rains to the Korean peninsula. Tropical storm Cecil formed suddenly before moving ashore close to where typhoon Abe had brought its worst fury only six days earlier. Typhoon storm Dot was taking aim on Taiwan late in the week. Hurricane Isidore moved harmlessly across the open waters of the central Atlantic Ocean.



Floods

More than 350,000 people were left without shelter in western Ethiopia after storms and flooding swept away their primitive homes near the Sudanese border. This is the third consecutive year that the Gambela region along the Baro River has been hit by such a disaster. In contrast, northern Ethiopia remains in the grip of an extended drought that has brought on a new round of famine.

Earthquakes

Further aftershocks of the disastrous June 21 Iranian earthquake rocked the region. Residents of southeastern Cuba, including the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, were shaken awake by a strong tremor before dawn on Sept. 1. Earth movements were also felt in the southern Philippines, central Ecuador, western Yugoslavia, Southern California and Tennessee.

Pests

Millions of invading grasshoppers and army worms have destroyed staple crops in northern Nigeria's Katsina state. Aerial and ground spraying of pesticides has started in an effort to eradicate the pests.

Drought

A second year of drought is rapidly depleting reservoirs and aquifers in the northern Mexican state of Nuevo Leon. Homes in the state capital of Monterrey now only get eight hours of running water a day.

Leaks

An article published in the British journal New Scientists challenges repeated claims by the French Government that debris from its nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll do not leak into the ocean. According to the report, tests conducted by the oceanographer Jacques Cousteau in 1987 found the atoll's lagoon to be contaminated with cesium 134 and cesium 137.

Poltergeist

Tass reported a sober tale of terrifying telekinesis in the Volga region village of Madayovo. For seven hours, objects like keys, candies and food swirled through the air inside a house, striking family members and others who came to witness the phenomenon. Revolted onlookers waved away the unseen ghost that visited the house, said Tass. Ten men were on duty in the house during these long and tense hours, ready to take some measures in case the stove surged aloft. Major Lieutenant Slobin, who said he witnessed the haunting, reported the details to Soviet Interior Ministry officials in Gorky.

[Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. National Hurricane Center at Miami, U.S. Military Typhoon Warning Center at Guam, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.]

question to a secondary position in the Arab world, but has made the PLO unimportant.

It is hard to see how the wily PLO leader will find a way out this time. In order to minimize his tilt toward Hussein, he is trying to play the role of go-between in negotiations. But go between whom? None of the other Arab leaders accepts him as a bona fide neutral because of his indentured-guest relationship with Baghdad. His credibility is so thoroughly tarnished in Egypt that it is now hard to see how it will survive in the West, particularly in the United States.

Though the invasion of Kuwait may have signaled the end of the road for the politics of Arafat's PLO, it would be a dreadful error to accept the hard-line Israeli interpretation of present events. We told you so—you can't trust the Arabs, you can't trust Palestinians, there can be no Palestinian state.

On the contrary, what Hussein has paradoxically made most evident is that, without a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East—including a resolution of the Palestinian question—the injustice, insecurity, and sense of inferiority felt in the Arab nations is bound to lead to war. The massive Western military mobilization in Saudi Arabia is in fact the price for U.S. negligence in not pushing for a comprehensive Middle East peace.

Maybe now the United States and other Western powers will once again embrace the dream of Anwar Sadat. He made peace between Egypt and Israel in the hopes of turning this

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troubled corner of the planet away from confrontation and toward building together on the basis of self-interest and a live-and-let-live tolerance.

Kuwait is the obvious victim of Saddam Hussein, and Arafat's PLO the mortally wounded bystander. But in the end, Sadat's dream is the greatest victim.

The moderate Arab vision of live-and-let-live, of learning from the past, of ending the inebriation with Pan-Arab ideology that masks a sordid reality was torpedoed by a man who said he was born again. Now we know that was his camouflage.

The current crisis underlines the unavoidable need for a new deal in the Middle East that allows more democracy in political as well as economic life and strict adherence to human rights without double standards. Stability will never emerge in the post-Iraqi crisis period unless the needs of the average Middle-Easterner—Arabs, including the Palestinians, and Israelis alike—are reasonably fulfilled.

The answer is supposed to come from a special party conference called by the prime minister, Bob Hawke, for Sept. 24. Already, the left, largely ignored during the seven years of labor government under Hawke, is talking tough. One senior left-wing parliamentarian, Bruce Childs, said of the treasurer, "He has earned himself a lot of anger, even hatred."

John Halfpenny, a trade unionist in Victoria, said of the Commonwealth

Labor party splits on privatization of bank

THE ECONOMIST ▶

While Paul Keating farms Australia's economy, no sacred cow can safely graze. On Aug. 25, the treasurer (as Australians call their chief finance minister) announced that the government-owned Commonwealth Bank would buy the founding State Bank of Victoria for A\$1.6 billion (\$1.33 billion)—and would raise the money by issuing equity to the public equal to about 30 percent of the Commonwealth Bank's capital. But the Commonwealth Bank, now 78 years old, is the ruling Labor party's first and proudest step toward public ownership. Does Keating really intend to privatize part of Labor's heritage?

He certainly does, and on Aug. 28 Labor's members of Parliament backed him by a vote of 62 to 26. Labor's left-wing traditionalists are plainly in retreat. The question is whether Keating can make it a rout. To do so he needs to privatize the two government airlines, Qantas and Australian Airlines, and break the public monopoly in telecommunications, before the next federal election, due by 1993.

Keating makes much of the conditions attached to the deal, which will make Commonwealth Bank the third-biggest bank in Australia; majority government ownership of the Commonwealth Bank "in perpetuity"; a ban on other banks, including foreign ones, taking holdings; and a limit of 5 percent on any individual holding.

As Bill Kelty, the moderate secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, puts it, "The argument is they're not selling any part of the Commonwealth—they're getting additional equity for the purpose of making the Commonwealth Bank bigger."

Diplomacy, not tough talk, should be pursued in Middle East

BY NELSON CABEZAS
STAFF WRITER

You would think we learned our lesson in Vietnam, but no we haven't. We the American people, first off, cannot afford another Vietnam, which is what our presence in the Middle East could turn into.

Logistics again take us to the other side of the world, too far to want to stretch our supply lines. But still Americans want war. The country is solidly behind this move of President Bush.

As it stands now, Bush says he will defend Saudi Arabia from an attack from Iraq. Saddam Hussein might be crazy, but he is not stupid—which means he will not attack Saudi Arabia.

As it stands, both the United States and Iraq have the support of their respective populations. It also seems that both countries have a great deal in common. Neither can afford to go to war with the other.

We just got out of Vietnam, and Iraq out

of Iran, with both conflicts lasting a great number of years.

If a shooting war began tomorrow, we would probably suffer the most.

We must remember that we never had a war descend on our homeland. That is exactly what Arab terrorism would do to this country. It would bring the war to the American public.

For years we have heard of the Arab build-up in terrorist personnel and supplies. Well, now they will have the opportunity to use it on us, our children, and our parents. Nothing will be safe from attack. Paranoia will reign supreme.

The Arabs know they may lose in the long run, but that will not stop the fanatical kamikaze-type assaults the American and European populace would have to endure.

I am not saying that the Iraqis were right. I am saying is that we should not act belligerently toward Hussein. He has enormous problems, and both sides must resolve them if this situation is to be resolved.

We are in Saudi Arabia to maintain the balance of power in the region. Neither Hussein nor Bush wants a shooting war; both are talking through their hats. Right now it is just tough-guy talk.

Whether we like it or not, if war were to break out, other Muslims would gain control of their governments and drastically alter the balance of power, probably in favor of the Arabs.

Hussein probably will involve the Israelis in an attempt to gain the support of other Arab states. The only reason the Arab leadership is in favor of unity against Hussein is because it understands the "strategic" value this area has for the West—oil.

The Arab world sees Hussein as a godsend as "Yankee imperialism" is hated in that part of the world.

This conflict should take the course of the Cuban crisis. Nothing happened, the Soviets still remained, and everyone just talked tough.

If we do not find an economic solution

to Hussein's problems, Kuwait will remain his. To the rest of the Arab world he can rationalize his actions by explaining that until recently Kuwait belonged to Iraq. That gives him some semblance of legitimacy in the eyes of his Arab brothers.

Before Hussein pulls out, he will transform the situation into a Holy War, causing irreparable damage to the world economy.

Hussein needs financial aid which, in the long run, would be less expensive and more beneficial to all concerned. We should stop talking war, since neither side will start one.

Then again, maybe that's what big government wants—especially since the oil companies are raking in the big bucks. We should bear in mind that no American president has been elected without the support of the oil lobby.

If we do go to war, the public will pay the price while the oil companies reap the profits.

So whose interest do you think Bush is pursuing with his macho talk and military

build-up? Not ours, fellow Americans. What happens if someone makes a mistake and we end up in war? The youth of this and other countries will pay the price with their blood.

Americans should remember the effects of the wage and price controls imposed after the Vietnam War. We broke the bank—we were still paying for that war. The war brought down the entire world monetary system which was based on the stability of the American system. We cannot afford to do this to ourselves again.

What we need are real economists, real diplomats, and real peace-makers. We need someone who can solve the problem with a stroke of the pen.

Should they turn this into a Holy War then we must fight an all-out war. We should fight animal against animal. Because if we fail to act civilized and solve this problem peacefully, then we should make sure we do not lose. Kill them all—God will know his own.

AROUND CAMPUS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1990

WISE teaches culture

BY CHRIS COX
CAMPUS EDITOR

In order to increase "global and cultural awareness," an education club is forming at the College. World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE) is directed at opening education students to cultures outside their own.

"It is an organization to help education majors stretch beyond just this area," said Dr. Rosanne Joyner, assistant professor of education. "It will prepare students to teach in our world's society."

The idea for starting WISE, according to Joyner, came when she and Vicki Spence, assistant professor of education, went with students in April to New Orleans.

"We took the students to work in inner-city schools," said Joyner. "The point was to open students' perspective culture-wise."

Joyner said taking students to "culturally different" schools in New Orleans gave students a broader perspective.

"When you live in an area all your life, your scope is pretty narrow," she said. "Students need to broaden their horizons."

Joyner said WISE will be involved in many activities during the semester, including another trip to New Orleans in mid-October. The club will visit the West Side Preparatory School in Chicago in January.

"This school deals with kids who are dropouts," said Joyner.

She said the school tries to reform dropouts and prove to society that with proper teaching and dedication these students can be useful.

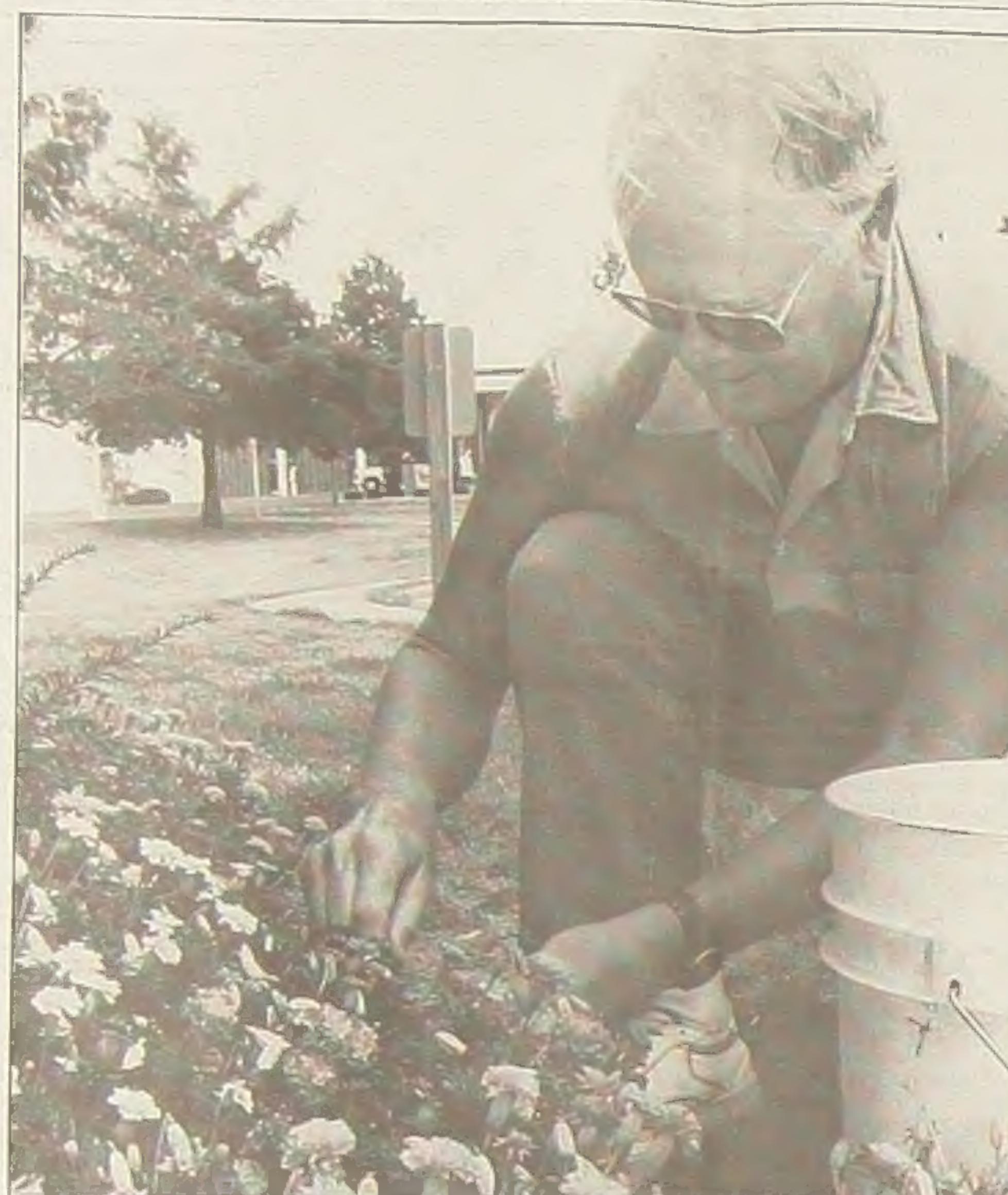
In March, the club plans to go to Mexico to study its school system.

WISE's main objective is to provide opportunities of global consciousness for anyone interested in education. This includes opportunities in comparative education, both nationally and internationally; identification of strengths, contributions, and special needs of different groups of people; and the study of world issues affecting educators in the future.

"Our students are begging for this kind of experience," said Joyner. "If we form WISE, it will provide the means and opportunity."

Membership is available in three levels. Level one is open to full-time students showing educational field interests. Level two is open to any full-time student involved in the education program and having at least a 2.75 grade-point average. Level three is open to area in-service teachers.

WISE's membership drive will begin Monday in Taylor Hall. Interested students may contact Joyner at Ext. 622.



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Pickin' flowers

Maintenance worker Al Wood picks the old blossoms off marigolds behind Hearnes Hall Monday afternoon in order to allow the new blossoms to flourish.

Lecturer to discuss date rape

Seminar will deal with relationships, sexual aggression

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CHART REPORTER

A lecture on date and acquaintance rape, "Hands Off, Let's Talk," will be given at 1 p.m. today in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Bob Hall, founder and president of "Learning to Live With Conflict Inc.," will be the speaker.

"He's back by popular demand," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "He was here last year, and it was so well received by both male and female students alike that we decided to have him back."

According to Nikki Appel, Hall's art representative, Hall got the idea for his program from the self-defense classes he taught for women at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Through those classes he realized there was a great need for awareness

and knowledge of conflict resolution technology.

"Hands Off! Let's Talk" uses conflict resolution as its basis, but focuses on sexual aggression and dating," said Appel. "The goal is to get a dialogue started between men and women on the conflict of sexual agendas."

According to Appel, Hall does not make anyone feel guilty for past behavior or past ways of thinking. He uses humor and role playing in dating situations.

"Students could actually see themselves on stage when they did the role playing and could laugh about it," said Lori LeBahn, director of College Orientation, who set up the event last year.

"But at the same time they were able to internalize some of it and apply it to their own lives," she said.

Carlisle said she believes his use of

humor is good in that it is not a gloom and doom psychological discussion."

"It was a fascinating study, and he does it with humor," she said.

Since it is aimed at college students, both Carlisle and LeBahn think listeners will be able to identify with what Hall has to say.

"It's designed to pinpoint relationships that tend to happen during the age groups that are attending college," LeBahn said.

In addition to the evening workshop last year, Hall also conducted a conflict resolution workshop for the student assistants and orientation leaders at Southern.

Deb Gipson, residence hall director, attended that workshop and said she "felt like he presents his topic in a good way to approach a very difficult subject."

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Wesley Foundation: Room 314 BSC, 11 a.m.

CAB Luncheon: Room 310 BSC, Noon

CAB Event: "Learning to live with conflict," Connor Ballroom, 1 p.m.

CAB Lecture: "Hands Off, Let's Talk," Matthews Auditorium, 1 p.m.

Modern Communications Club: Room 314 BSC, 1 p.m.

Social Sciences Club: Homecoming Organizational Meeting, Room 100 Mansion, 2:30 p.m.

Bicycle Club: In Front of BSC, 5:30 p.m.

Return To Learn: Room 317 BSC, 6:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY

BSU: Room 314 BSC, 11 a.m.

Newman Club: Keystone Room, Noon

Chess Club: Room 325 Reynolds Hall, 12:15 p.m.

Student Organization Leadership Seminar: Room 310 BSC, 2:30 p.m.

ODK: Room 314 BSC, 3 p.m.

International Club: Room 313 BSC, 3 p.m.

Koinonia: Bible study, College Heights Christian Church, 7 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Student Senate Elections: BSC Stairwell, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

'Career Is Right': Room 310 BSC, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Psychology Club: Room 121 Taylor Hall, Noon

College Republicans: Room 306 BSC, Noon

CAB: Room 310 BSC, 1 p.m.

Rodeo Club: Room 313 BSC, 5:30 p.m.

Student Teaching Dinner: Connor Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

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MONDAY

LDSSA: Room 314 BSC, 8 a.m.

Interviews: UPS, Room 314 BSC, 10:30 a.m.

ECM: Room 311 BSC, Noon

Faculty Senate: Room 313 BSC, 3 p.m.

Lions Soccer: vs. Missouri Valley College, 3:30 p.m.

Siama Nu: Room 313 BSC, 5 p.m.

Club to focus on abortion problem

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A abortion will be the topic of discussion at a 3 p.m. meeting of the Philosophy Club on Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Connor Ballroom.

Minerva Glidden, president of Four-States Citizens for Choice, will present the film *Silent Scream*, depicting a fetus' action during an abortion. Afterwards, Glidden will then show a film rebutting *Silent Scream*. Each film lasts about 25 minutes, and an open discussion of the abortion topic will follow.

Dr. Barry Brown, assistant professor of philosophy and adviser to the club, does not expect protests because the activity has been brought to the campus. In the past, the club has held debates off-campus.

"I don't think we're going to get too much protest because it's for people on campus," Brown said. "We have asked people not to bring signs of any sort. It's just a campus presentation. We are trying to be fair and present both sides."

Brown encourages those with differing opinions to attend the meet-

ing, saying "People who disagree should come and present their views and see what kind of response there is."

Glidden has made the presentation before to such organizations as the Missouri Nursing Association and the National Organization of Women (NOW).

She agrees that the presentation is intended to present both sides of the fiery issue, and said audience members will be asked for criticism of the films.

"This touches an issue that people feel very holly about," Glidden said. "Both sides are given. The films are not made to elicit protests, and it really comes down to 'Who do you believe?'"

Glidden admits that most people attend such presentations with their minds made up on the issue, and that some have trouble looking at both sides.

"I won't allow this presentation to turn into a partisan sort of issue," she said.

The Philosophy Club has held forums on a variety of issues, including the right to die and creation vs. evolution.

Career Day forums on tap for tomorrow

Accounting Career Day, sponsored by the National Association of Accountants, begins at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Matthews Hall auditorium.

According to Dia Stevens, chairperson of Career Day activities, the function is not set up as an interview session.

"It's more of an educational session," she said.

The event will consist of two forums, the first starting at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. The second forum will run from 4-6:30 p.m.

In the first forum, a panel of professional companies will be on hand to answer any questions concerning various aspects of public, private, and governmental accounting. The professionals, including Tamko Asphalt Products Inc. and the FBI, will set up tables to show what they do in relationship to accounting.

This is the chance for students to

Group to send package

In response to the situation in the Middle East, Missouri Southern's Greek Council is assembling a care package.

The idea for a care package was initiated by a recent phone call from a woman in the community whose son was sent to the Persian Gulf. According to Julie Gray, president of Zeta Tau Alpha, the woman said her son and the other men are homesick.

"We all know what it is like to be away from home," said Gray. "We're in college and don't have to go. They love to see things from home."

The Greek Council, consisting of

the five Greek organizations on campus, is collecting various non-perishable items that will be put in the care package. These items include tapes of radio stations, magazines, pictures, and many video tapes. The video tapes will include popular sitcoms, movies, and footage of those involved in making the package.

Those interested in participating with the care package can contact Nancy Disharoon, Greek Council adviser, at Ext. 343. Care package items will be accepted no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday in Room 207 BSC.



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Farce to open season

BY DYANA PERKINS
STAFF WRITER

Southern Theatre will open its season next week with the Roman comedy *The Menaechmi*, a farcical play by Plautus described as "rowdy and raunchy."

Director Duane Hunt, assistant professor of theatre, said it "guarantees laughter every 90 seconds."

"Anytime you have a farcical situation and use exaggerated actions, you have a show that's hysterically funny," said Hunt.

While the play is called "raunchy," Hunt said "it really isn't that bad."

"It is a bit off-color here and there," he said. "But nothing ever really happens. It's all suggested through innuendos."

The Menaechmi will open at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and run through Saturday. According to Hunt, that reality has hit the cast and crew.

"This is the time when the director sits there and thinks it's never ever going to go right," he said. "Everyone has butterflies and is on edge because that deadline is staring us in the face."

Butterflies or not, Hunt said the production will be ready to open.

"Everyone knows what they're doing," he said. "The costumes are ready, the set is coming along as expected, and the music is rehearsed."

Menaechmus of Syracuse, portrayed by Todd Webber, searches for his lost twin brother of the same name, played by David Swanson. Comedy and confusion follow as the identical twins are mistaken for one another throughout the play.

Supporting roles include Sponge, William Watts, Erotica, Heather Haar, Messenio, Brett McDowell; Cesario, Pseudo, and Stichius, Van Frederickson; Roll, Georgina Small; Bifleria, Diana Gaine, and Lichus, Sam Claussen, technical director.

Missouri Southern students, faculty, and staff will be admitted free with proper I.D. General admission tickets may be purchased for \$3.



In costume

(Left to right) Brett McDowell as Messino, Todd Webber as Menaechmus, and Heather Haar as Erotica, rehearse a scene from Southern Theatre's opener.

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Acting, cinematography prove favorable in 'Flatliners'

BY TED CONN
STAFF WRITER

Rating: ★★★½
(out of ★★★★)

with death, but afterward suffer unintended mental effects that lead the movie down strange paths.

Bouffing big-name stars Kiefer Sutherland (*Young Guns*, *Last Boys*), Julia Roberts (*Pretty Woman*, *Steel Magnolias*), and Kevin Bacon (*Tremors*, *Quicksilver*, *Fooloose*), the movie is not hurt by poor acting. With a cast of only a few supporting actors, the movie was enhanced by their involvement, not hindered.

Sutherland acts as an instigator in the movie and plays a superb role that easily could have been created

especially for him. His somewhat mysterious appearance complements his character as a driven doctor conducting dangerous experiments on himself and his friends. He sets the film's pace at the very beginning, saying, "Today is a good day to die."

After trying his hand in the portrayal of various roles, Bacon finally finds the ideal character for himself as the skeptical antagonist who actually helps solve his friend's problems.

His character fathers the death-defying group, constantly warning of the dangers of the experiment.

Roberts gives an excellent performance that is completely opposite of her previous roles. This not only shows her prowess in the acting field, but it also sends a message to the viewer that she will be starring in many movies to come. Her character in *Flatliners* begins in awe of the afterlife, but is ultimately forced to face the problems in the here and now.

Aside from the acting, the movie also has great cinematography. The scenery is fantastic and beautiful and helps add very hardline visual

effects to the plot. The unorthodox of the film is enhanced by the dim lighting and eerie setting.

All of these factors combined might leave viewers wondering if they just watched a horror, drama, or an action film. Whatever the classification, it is great fiction that is sure to keep the viewer's heart beating at a rapid pace. With nearly two hours of great thrills, chills, and even some laughs, you can't go wrong with this movie.

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Choirs grow in size, men add versatility

Clark plans two-day tour in St. Louis

Size and versatility are two assets of this year's choirs, according to Bud Clark, director of choral activities.

The Concert Chorale and Southern Exposure are working on songs for various concerts to be held throughout the upcoming year. Clark said the choirs' repertoires will consist of a variety of jazz and pop songs.

Both groups have seen considerable growth since last year mainly because of Clark's recruiting efforts.

"I must have sent out 500 letters this summer," he said. "Any student who showed an interest in choir on their ACT received a letter. It seemed to work."

Clark looks for the increase in size to affect their performances in a positive way.

"A bigger group puts out more volume, and we can develop the choreography more," he said.

This year's events include a Nov. 6 concert featuring the Joplin High School choir as guests. The choirs will perform separately and also do four numbers together.

"I'm confident that it will go well," he said. "They are a good bunch of kids and have a good director. I'm looking forward to it."

Clark hopes to make this an annual event, inviting a different area choir each year.

"It makes them feel important

and keeps them on their toes," he said. "It's good for them, and it's good public relations for us."

Other concerts are also in the works. The annual Christmas concert is slated for Dec. 11. It will feature the 70-member Concert Chorale, as well as Southern Exposure, a pop group. This relatively new group has grown from eight to 12 members this year.

The Chorale was formed just last year and already has grown from 43 members in its current state.

Clark said there is more balance and blend due to the addition of men to the program as well as overall improvement in the group.

"Our voices are stronger, and our reading ability has improved," he said. "There is a lot of leadership. We are already a step above last year's choir."

During the first week of March, the choirs will go on a two-day tour in St. Louis. Clark said they hope to perform at some of the larger schools in the area. Last year, the groups toured in Rolla and Springfield.

During the last week of November, the choirs, in conjunction with the theatre department, will present a children's play called *The Blue Kangaroo*.

In a continuation of the group effort, the departments also will feature a production of *Fiddler On The Roof* this spring.

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"The Menaechmi": by Moccius Plautus. Translated and adapted by Duane Hunt. A rowdy and racy Roman comedy with song and dance by the Neil Simon of 200 BC. A world premiere showing, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday thru September 22, Taylor Performing Arts Center, Tickets: \$3 and \$1, 625-9393

"The General": This Buster Keaton comedy kicks off Missouri Southern Film Society's 29th season, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20, Connor Ballroom

"South Pacific": An evening of family entertainment will be offered as the amphitheatre is transformed into a South Sea Island. Tomorrow thru Sunday, Reynolds Amphitheatre, 582-0051

"Roy Clark's Star Night": Features well-known entertainers performing in this charity event, Saturday, Oral Roberts University, 495-6000

"Fiesta '90 Festival": Food, crafts, entertainment, and dancing highlights this Tulsa celebration of National Hispanic Week. Thru Sunday, Downtown Tulsa, 583-2617

"Symphony at Sunset": Annual outdoor concert presented by the Tulsa Philharmonic, Sunday, Southern Hills Polo Field, 584-2533

"My Three Angels": A comedy by Sam and Bella Spewack that suggests it's easier to bump-off a "Scrooge" than to convert him. Evening performances (\$12.50 per person): Dinner 6:45 p.m., Curtain 7:45 p.m., Sunday Matinee (\$8.50 per person): Curtain 2 p.m., Buffet 3 p.m., Thru Saturday, Stone's Throw Theatre, 358-9665

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"Shear Madness": 8 p.m. Wednesdays thru Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Thru Sept. 30, American Heartland Theatre, Stage Two, Westin Crown Center

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"John Wesley" Rides Again: An artist series presentation of Roger Nelson in "The Man From Alder-

gate," a one man dramatic presentation of the life of John Wesley, 8 p.m. Tuesdays thru Saturdays, 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays, Thru Sept. 23, Missouri Repertory Theatre, 235-2700

"Blithe Spirit": 8 p.m. Tuesdays thru Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Thru Sept. 30, American Heartland Theatre, Crown Center level 3, 842-9999

Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Neville: With the Neville Brothers, 8 p.m., Saturday, Sandstone Amphitheatre, 816-931-3330

A Flock of Seagulls: Sept. 26, The Shadow, 561-2222

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"Country's Good": Thru Oct. 5, Repertory Theatre, 968-4925

Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Neville: With the Neville Brothers, 8 p.m., Sunday, The Muny, Tickets: \$22.50, \$20.50, \$18.50

Bobo Day: Music, entertainment, booths, folk dancing, a craft fair, games, and rides are all part of this German-oriented festival, Sunday, 314-352-0141

Emmy Lou Harris: 8 p.m. Tomorrow, Westport Playhouse, Tickets: \$20

Luther Vandross: "Here and Now," 7:30 p.m., Sept. 21-23, The Fox, 534-1111

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I-44 ranks among nation's deadliest highways

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A section of Interstate 44 running through Jasper County ranks 54th nationally in the rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled.

In addition, Jasper is the highest-risk county in Missouri, according to the Sept. 4, 1990, issue of USA Today.

The ratings were based on an analysis of every fatal traffic accident on U.S. roadways in 1988 and 1989. The study gathered information from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports, vehicle traffic records from the Federal Highway Administration, and 1988 population figures from the U.S. Bureau of Census.

The roadway in question runs from the Newton County line just southwest of DuQuoin to the Lawrence County line east of Searcy.

According to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, the highway serves more than 18,000 vehicles in an average 12-hour, weekday period.

According to Sgt. Larry Cooper of the Missouri Highway Patrol, determining exactly what makes a certain roadway more treacherous than another is difficult to pinpoint.

"Who knows why?" he said. "You can't say it's because of this or because of that, because we really don't know."

Cooper speculated that the volume of traffic might have an effect.

"You can look at width of high-

way; well, that highway is about as wide as you want to go," he said.

"Hills and curves—there are no hills and curves—and volume. We have everything in our favor except volume."

According to Cooper, apparently favorable road conditions sometimes can prove to be a problem. The most common type of accident on Missouri interstates in 1988-89 involved one vehicle.

The largest contributor would be where a vehicle hits a fixed object," he said. "In 1989, there were 188 people killed in accidents where they struck a fixed object and 108 where they struck another vehicle."

"When a road gets too good, there is nothing to change your driving routine," he explained. "We have a lot of accidents from driver fatigue or falling asleep."

The 65 mile-per-hour speed limit on rural interstates also can play a role in increased fatalities, but not necessarily accidents.

"In that situation (65 mile-per-hour zones), you have more fatalities, but fewer accidents," Cooper said.

To date in 1990, according to Highway Patrol records, 773 persons have died on Missouri's highways. This is 55 more than at this same time last year, with 38 of those occurring in the Troop D service area.



Dangerous road This Jasper County section of I-44 ranks among the most deadly U.S. interstates.

Troop D of the Missouri Highway Patrol covers an 18-county area in southwest Missouri.

Though Jasper is included in the area, the incidence of fatal accidents within the county is down from 11 at this point last year to 7 in 1990.

Cooper lists increased manpower as one of the most effective means of combating high accident rates on state roadways.

"We can't keep an officer every five miles out on I-44 in Jasper County," he explained. "If we could,

we could probably reduce that (accident rate) down to near nothing.

"We've found that public visibility of troopers is the best way to reduce accidents, but when you don't have enough manpower you can't have the visibility you would like."

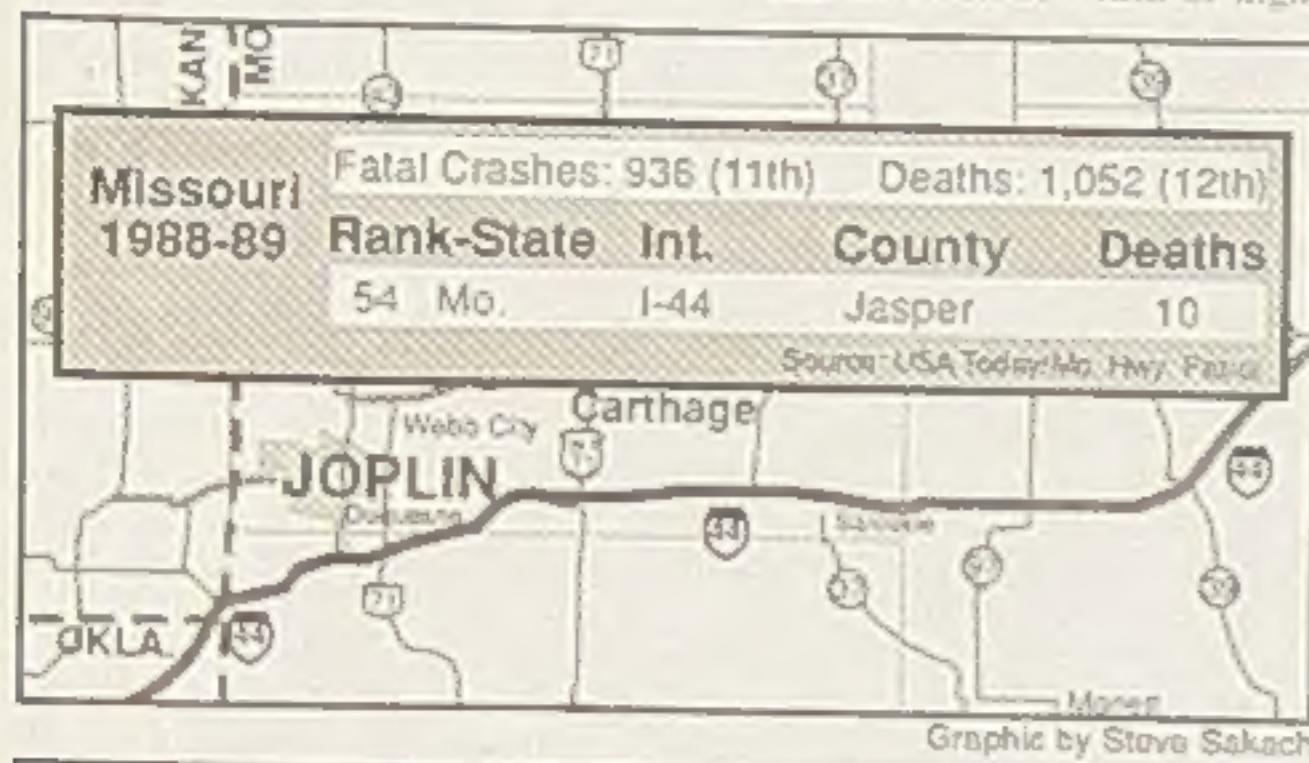
The Highway Department is working to increase that visibility during holiday periods with a program called the Concentrated Accident Reduction Program (CARE). The program increases the number of troopers on Missouri roadways by employing all

available personnel in road work.

Cooper said the increase in troopers on the roads during CARE periods is double or triple.

"The reason why we use people who do not ordinarily work the road," he explained. "We're trying to saturate it with everything we have, but we can't do it on an everyday basis because we have all these other duties."

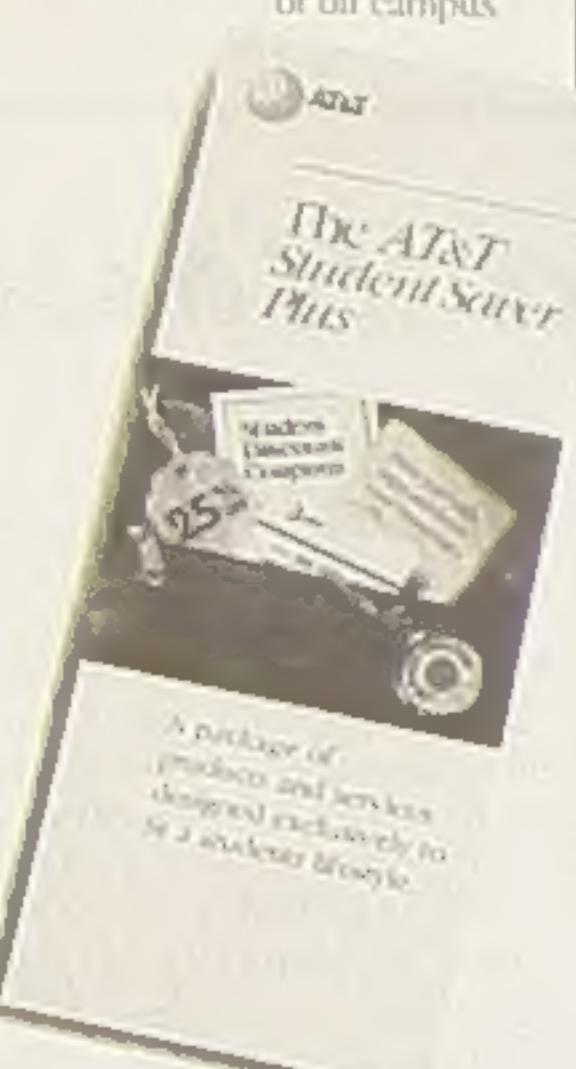
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Texas firm may buy vacated strip-mall

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Negotiations are still underway for the purchase of land that may result in a new shopping center for Joplin.

The tract includes land now occupied by the defunct Elms Shopping Center at Seventh and Range Line as well as land directly behind the Missouri highway department on Fourth and Range Line.

Woodmont Corp., a Fort Worth developing firm, is planning to purchase the land. According to Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager, Woodmont is among the 50 largest shopping center developers in the nation.

Martin said Reed Oatman, development partner for the firm, is working to secure tenants in order to obtain financing for the project.

"In any of these kinds of deals, you have to have a certain amount of commitment," Martin said, "so he's (Oatman) simply working to get prospective tenants lined up."

Oatman would not comment on the situation.

Although no word has been released about what companies might be included in the center, Martin characterized them as "high traffic" retailers.

Once the home of Skaggs Drugstore and other businesses, the Elms

center lost its tenants after medians were placed both on Seventh Street and Range Line by the state. The medians made it difficult for traffic to enter or leave the center.

"When the medians all went up on Seventh and Range Line, it really blocked the entrances and exits," Martin said. "It's really prime retail space, but not with the proper entrances and exits."

Under the plan for the new complex, the overpass on Seventh Street would be dismantled and replaced with a grade crossing over existing railroad tracks. The median would then be pulled back to allow easier access from that road.

The purchase behind the highway department building would allow for entrance from Fourth Street and Range Line.

Martin does not believe elimination of the overpass would present traffic problems because only "one short train per day" passes over the road.

Although there is optimism that the deal will go through, Martin said construction would not begin until 1991.

"The last I visited with him (Oatman), he was very optimistic," Martin said. "They have put substantial money into this deal, and they're working hard to make it happen."

Fall Fiesta now underway

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

More than 450 people turned out for a ball at Memorial Hall Saturday to kick off the seventh annual Joplin Fall Fiesta.

The dance marked the official beginning of the fiesta, a celebration designed to attract visitors to the city, provide quality entertainment, and raise funds for area groups.

"The fiesta has several purposes," said Suzanne Gilpin, Chamber of Commerce general manager. "We wanted to find an event that would draw people into Joplin, allow us to entertain people at a relatively inexpensive cost, and we were looking for a fund-raising event for the chamber."

According to Gilpin, the fiesta raised \$14,000 for the chamber last year and has become a source of revenue for area civic clubs as well.

"As it has worked out, almost all the civic clubs here in town participate and use it as a fund-raiser," she said.

The fiesta, which runs through Sunday, will occupy Main Street from Second to Seventh Streets with booths along both sides featuring foods, crafts, and souvenirs.

Events planned include three stages for entertainment, a special events area, craft demonstrations, and a Civil War reenactment.

"The entertainment begins at 4:30 p.m. nightly and continues through 5 p.m. on Sunday," Gilpin said. "We have a special events area that will

have contests going on throughout the fiesta, and we will have a Civil War reenactment group camped on the library lawn."

New additions to the fiesta will be the Crowder College solar car, the world's largest reptile zoo, and a "kiddie" carnival.

"The kiddie carnival will have about 12 different rides," Gilpin said. "They will have a little roller coaster, merry-go-round, pony rides, cars, boats—all kinds of things."

Major events include a Miss Fiesta contest, a parade, and a sock-hop.

The Miss Fiesta contest, sponsored by The Joplin Globe, is open to students from 16 to 25 years old and will begin at 5:30 p.m. today at Memorial Hall. Twenty-five women will participate in the event.

The parade and sock-hop will be held Saturday. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will run from 20th Street to Eighth Street. The sock-hop will feature music of the 50s and 60s, and there will be contests. The dance is open to those 21 years of age and older.

The fiesta has grown each year, and Gilpin expects this year to be no different.

"It is hard to estimate attendance because we don't have a gate, but we estimate our crowd to be around 30-40,000," she said. "It has grown a lot. This is the first year that new space has been completely sold out. We have extended the fiesta an additional block this year."

Caulk nets pair in victory

BY STEVE SAKACH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Three shots on goal were all the soccer Lions allowed in Tuesday's 4-0 shutout of Bethel College.

In its first home game of the season, Missouri Southern dominated Bethel, 0-4, from the first kick.

"We played down at their level for a little while, but we got it together," said Scott Poertner, Southern head coach. "I don't think they were as skilled as we were."

"They're probably just a young team. This is the first team where we've had more height against."

The Lions' leading scorer, sophomore Joey Caulk, put in two goals in the first half. Freshman Aaron Peters also added one to give Southern a 3-0 halftime lead.

Caulk's first score came seven minutes into the game. Bethel goalie Lowell Ebersole topped a goal kick, sending it to Caulk. Caulk's initial shot was blocked, but he fired in the rebound.

Twenty minutes later, Caulk scored his second goal. After the ball was crossed, senior Chuck Mathis tapped it to Caulk, who blasted it past Ebersole.

Southern took a 3-0 halftime lead when Peters put in a loose ball that bounced around the front of the net after a Lions' free kick.

Southern's defense held Bethel to no shots on goal in the second half.

"This is our fourth game in eight days," said Norman Piper, Bethel head coach. "We were a little tired, a little sloppy, and we were getting beat too easily. No excuses today, though. [Southern] played real well. This was a good team we had to play."

The Lions' last goal was scored by Mathis with more than 17 minutes in the game. Mathis shot from 20 yards out, nearly straight away, and gave the Lions' a 4-0 lead.

Last night, against perennial NCAA Division II national-tourney qualifier University of Missouri-St. Louis, Southern dropped a 5-1 decision. Chuck Mathis scored the lone goal 21 minutes into the match.

In Saturday's game at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Southern came away with a 3-3, double overtime tie.

Southern, now 2-2-1, travels to Wichita tomorrow to play Kansas Newman College at 1 p.m.

The team then returns home to host Missouri Valley College at 3:30 p.m. Monday.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Junior wide receiver Heath Helsel is dragged down from behind in Saturday's 17-0 loss to Southeast Missouri State University. Helsel caught five passes for 91 yards, but failed to reach the end zone.

'Big-play' threat

SEMO blanks Lions in debut

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern football Lions broke several records in their opening-game loss to Southeast Missouri State Saturday.

However, the Lions would have felt much better if these records had remained untouched for years.

The 17-0 loss to the Indians was the first time Southern had been shut out since 1986. It was the Lions' first opening-day shutout since 1968. It also marked the first whitewash for Southern at 15-year-old Hughes Stadium.

"We didn't play very well, that's obvious," said Jon Lantz, head coach. "I felt like our offense made some critical mistakes which consequently really bogged us down. It affected our entire game plan."

Lantz believes the extra game SEMO had played the week before really helped the Indians. In the past, Southern has opened the season with Lincoln University, but the Blue Tigers dropped its football program—leaving the Lions' week behind the rest of the MIAA in games played.

"It is very difficult to play someone who has already played a football team especially if they are a good football team, which these guys were," said Lantz.

"We really needed the Lincoln game."

Although Southern did have its share of problems, things weren't all bad.

"I felt that the running of Sean [James] and Cleon [Burrell] were both positives," said Lantz. "Another positive was our offense going 99 yards with a drive. We started on our own 6-inch line and we went all the way down, attempted a chip-shot field goal, and missed it. The down side is we missed the field goal, but it's not everyone who can go that far with a drive."

The Lions will make a few position changes for their 1:30 p.m. game Saturday at Northwest Missouri State, 1-1.

"We're going to move [sophomore tight end] Eddie Herndon full time to defense," said Lantz. "We needed a lot more depth at defensive end anyway, and when we put him in the game he really made something happen."

Northwest, coming off a 20-9 victory over Southwest Baptist, finished with a 9-3 record last season. The Bearcats whipped Southern 35-7 in Joplin.

"It's the kind of game where you get your nose bled, or you bloody somebody else's nose," said Lantz. "We'll get to find out what we're made of physically this weekend."

Helsel gains maturity on, off field

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

In his third season in a Missouri Southern football uniform, wide receiver Heath Helsel has become the Lions' "big-play" threat.

The 5-10, 174-pound junior from Branson High School has already earned two years at Southern. Helsel was selected as a 1990 pre-season All-American by *College Football Preview*.

"I'm really glad the football program has gone the way it has," he said. "Coach [Jon] Lantz is leading us in the right direction."

Helsel's other accomplishments include his selection to the all-MIAA first team last year after

leading the league with a school-record nine touchdown catches. He also owns seven school punt return records and was named Southern's impact player of the year last season.

Helsel considers former Southern quarterback Alan Brown to be the most influential person in his career at the College.

"I became a better player because of Alan teaching me things about the game. He set a good example for me to follow."

In his two full seasons at Southern, Helsel has seen noticeable improvement in his own game.

"When I came from high school I was a running back. I didn't have a clue how to even run a route. I think I have been an improved receiver.

"Last year I couldn't be trusted running my routes. This year I think I have become more trusted. I still might not do it to perfection, but I'll be at the right place at the right time."

Southern with the idea of playing both baseball and football.

"I love baseball. I play on a semi-pro team during the summer," said Helsel. "Being a football player, I just don't feel like I was given a chance to show what I had when I tried out [at Southern]."

Not only has Helsel matured as a player, but off the field he can see a difference in his attitude and work habits.

"In high school I used to go out there to football practice, put the equipment on, and just think, 'This is a pain in the butt.' But this year I don't mind going out there. It's a part of my life. You've got to go out there, do it, and have fun."

As good a receiver as Helsel has become, he initially came to

the college with the idea of playing both baseball and football.

"I love baseball. I play on a semi-pro team during the summer," said Helsel. "Being a football player, I just don't feel like I was given a chance to show what I had when I tried out [at Southern]."

As far as football after college, he is realistic about his chances.

"It's always a dream," Helsel said. "I do know a lot of politics are involved. There are a thousand receivers out there in the world with better ability than me."

"I try not to think that far ahead. It's always a goal for everybody, no matter who you are."



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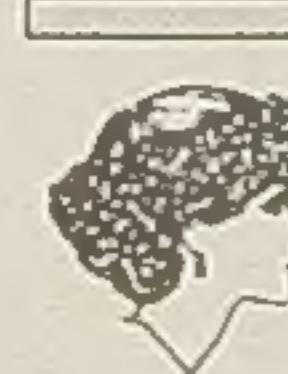
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Runners find glory ever-fading

Southern's cross country team began its second season last weekend. Both the men's and women's teams have done well, all things considered. Coach Tom Rutledge has built the new program on a solid foundation.

During its first season, the team's stats were not terribly impressive. However, for a new program, success is a relative thing. Rutledge was faced with the challenge of starting a new athletic program from scratch. With this came new, inexperienced runners.

During its first cross country season last fall, the squad, consisting mostly of freshmen, went up against established competitors. As a result, they learned that they wouldn't be carting home any trophies just yet.

When the runners moved from cross country to track, Rutledge red-shirted the distance runners in order for them to gain additional experience before competing. Decisions such as this are the growing pains of a new athletic program. While it may help the individual runners, it hurts the team as a whole.

This season, Southern's runners will have to put it all into perspective. Individual times, rather than team scores, may best gauge their success.

This season will find a team in search of success and recognition. Runners work hard, yet more often than not are not recognized for their efforts.

I've been there myself. Three years of track and one year of cross country have taught me that most people do not appreciate the sacrifices—blisters, getting chased by dogs, running before most people are awake, running when it's 95 degrees, running when it's snowing, and other pleasures too numerous to mention.

Some time ago, I set off on the NCAA regulation track to glory, anxious to collect all of those medals that I was going to win. Years later, I've developed a much more cynical view of the world. As for the medals—I won a few of them and they're gathering dust somewhere now.

I don't mean to sound overly cynical. Running has taught me a lot about self-discipline and dedication. Dedicated runners enjoy a way of life which pays dividends both physically and mentally.

For a few years, my running was sporadic at best. I would run only when sufficiently motivated (watching the movie *Rocky* helped sometimes). Having felt that it had been too long since I had done any serious running and not wanting to be outdone by my brother who was running marathons, I got back into running last spring.

By the end of the summer, I was running an average of 70 miles per week, proving to myself that running can be both challenging and rewarding long after one leaves a team situation.

The main problem with running lies in the public misunderstanding of the sport. I had a football player friend in high school who continually questioned my very sanity. For him, running was punishment, generously dished out by his coach. He could not understand why anyone would run for enjoyment.

No matter how hard a runner works, the simple fact remains that running is not considered by most to be a big spectator sport. There are a few exceptions to this rule, such as the New York Marathon and the Olympics. However, even if you are a top runner, it pales in comparison to being the star quarterback when it comes to recognition and respect.

Southern's cross country team will work hard toward success and recognition. I wish them luck. However, on the way they may find recognition elusive and glory ever-fading.

The volleyball team makes its home debut this weekend as it hosts the annual Lady Lions/Pro Am Athletics Invitational tomorrow and Saturday in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Southern will square off against Arkansas Tech University at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. The team then will face the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University in a 6:30 p.m. match.

The tournament field will include ATU, Southern Nazarene University, Texas A&M University, and Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Lady Lions to host tourney

rivals Northwest Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University, and SBU.

All seven teams will advance to Saturday's single-elimination portion of the tournament, which begins with a pair of quarterfinal matches at 9 a.m. The championship match will begin at 2 p.m.

Last night the Lady Lions evened their record at 3-3 with a 17-15, 11-15, 15-9, 15-9 victory at School of the Ozarks.

Big steamboats and big dreams

Southern student tells of river life

BY DARRELL SHEARER
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"When I was a boy, there was but one permanent ambition among my comrades in our village on the west bank of the Mississippi River. That was, to be a steamboatman. We had ambitions of other sorts, but they were only transient. When a circus came and went, it left us all burning to become clowns; the first Negro minstrel show that ever came to our section left us suffering to try that kind of life; now and then we had a hope that, if we lived and were good, God would permit us to be pirates. These ambitions faded out, each in its turn; but the ambition to be a steamboatman always remained."

—Mark Twain

"Life on the Mississippi"

Much has changed since the days of Mark Twain, riverboat gamblers, and sternwheel steamboats. Mark Twain is long gone, riverboat gamblers have gone the way of nickel beer and three-card monte, and sternwheel steamboats are the long-lost counterparts to modern-day diesel-powered towboats.

The passing of picturesque steamboats are sometimes mourned, but beautiful though they were and marvels of efficiency for their time, they would have been no match for the powerful towboats plying the river today.

"The biggest change I have seen since I first started working on the Mississippi River is the size of the boats and the number of boats on the river," said Cleo Davis, captain of the towboat *Joyce Hale* and a 26-year veteran of the river. "When I first started working on the river, I could name every pilot and count every boat over 5,000 horsepower on my fingers and toes."

Today, towboats range in power from 1,200 horsepower to 10,500 horsepower. The *Joyce Hale*, which falls in the middle at 5,600 horsepower, can push up to 30 loaded barges—the equivalent capacity of 1,800 tractor-trailers.

The barges are lashed together with steel cables. A tow of 35 loaded barges or 42 empty barges—longer than the *Queen Elizabeth II*—is not an uncommon sight. Each barge is 200 feet long, 35 feet wide, and can hold up to 1,500 tons of cargo.

"With a quarter of a mile of barges in front of me, it might take two or three miles to stop them," Davis said.

Those barges are most likely to carry petroleum products coming from the oil fields of Texas and Louisiana, or farm products like corn, wheat, or soybeans headed south. Much of that grain eventually is loaded on ocean freighters for shipment to foreign ports.

The 1,200-mile trip from St. Louis to New Orleans takes about five days going south or 10 days going north. A day or two is spent at each end picking up and dropping barges. Because of the high operating cost there is little idle time.

"This boat uses anywhere from 2,000 to 7,000 gallons of fuel a day, depending if we are northbound or southbound," said Eddie Owens.

chief engineer of the *Joyce Hale*. Time on the boats is spent in many different ways. Crew members work six-hour shifts twice a day. A typical six-hour shift for the deck crew, which consists of one mate and two deckhands, includes checking the barges for leaks and making sure the cables that lash the barges together are tight. This usually takes about 30 minutes. The rest of the shift is spent doing maintenance work, such as painting or repairing lines.

"The part I like the least," said Danny Miller, first mate on the *Joyce Hale*, "is having to work outside in the hot sun or in the freezing rain and getting up at midnight to go to work."

The work for the chief engineer and the oiler is as diversified as that of the deck crew. One day it might be changing the oil on the two 2,800-horsepower engines or overhauling a generator to insure electricity is there when needed.

There is no typical day for an engineer," Owen said. "If something needs fixing, I fix it. I try to keep an eye on everything and fix it before it breaks down. If everything is running smoothly, you got it made; if it isn't, you got to work."

For the captain and the pilot, the sole navigation of the boat and barges is the primary job. A towboat pilot must know every light, every bend, and every sandbar between St. Louis and New Orleans. The job is made somewhat easier with the use of radar, depth sounders, and powerful searchlights, but it still requires a tremendous amount of skill.

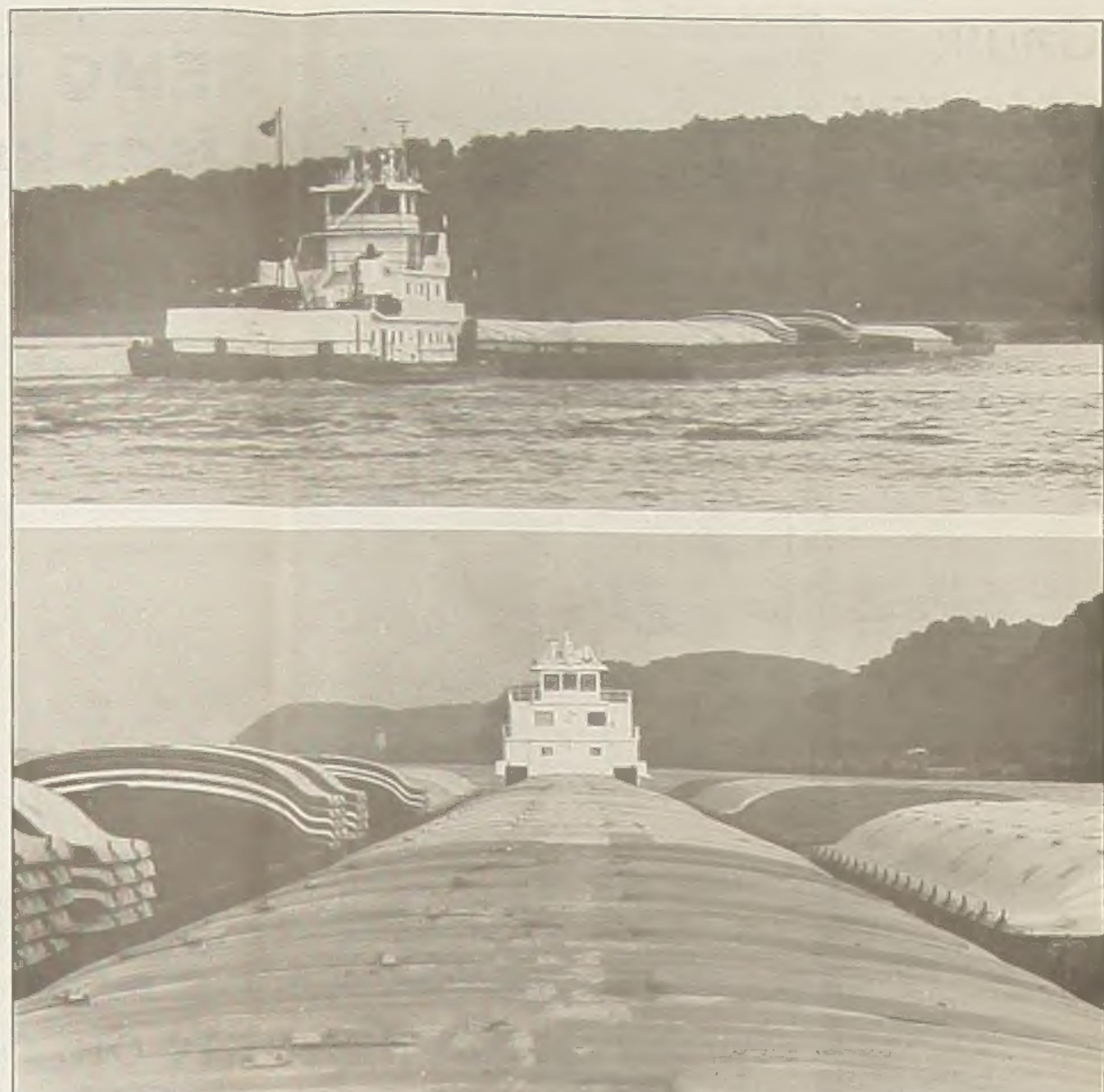
"This kind of tight bend you best make by flanking when you have a tow this size," said Davis. "You point the barges right at the bank, reverse your engines, and let the fast current along the bank push the barges around the corner. You try to steer by brute strength through there, or you are going to break apart your barges and scatter them down the river. The hardest thing about being a riverboat pilot is patience and judgment."

The smell of coffee, cigarette smoke, and diesel fuel permeates the air inside the boat. Leisure time is spent watching television, playing cards, reading, or talking about what the crew members will do on their time off. Crew members work for 30 days straight and then are rotated home for 30 days off.

Work on the boats has its price—boredom and the loneliness of being away from home—but the crews are treated well. The barge companies supply all the meals. On the *Joyce Hale* that includes steak several times a week. A typical meal consists of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh bread, and homemade pie.

It is not the mythical romance or allure that beckons most men to the river, but rather the promise of a regular paycheck. The pay scale runs from \$113 a day for deckhands, to \$160 a day for the first mate, and \$276 a day for the captain.

"I wouldn't mind quitting the river, but I don't know where I would find a job where I could make this kind of money and only work six months out of the year," Miller said.



Allure of river loses charm for Shearer

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Independence: this is what Darrell Shearer stresses as the draw of life as a riverman.

"Being able to work when I want to," said Shearer, a senior communications major, "taking off when I want to—it beats flipping burgers at McDonald's."

Shearer grew up in Lockwood, and it was not until after he graduated from high school and moved to Charleston, S.C., that he got a taste of working on the water.

"It was an accident," he said. "My friend was offered a job at a shipyard down there, but wouldn't take it. I said I would. I worked on the intercoastal waterway for a year."

In 1976 he moved back to Missouri and began working on the Mississippi.

"I liked the lifestyle," he said, "really the time off more than anything. Plus it doesn't require an education. The lowest guy makes about \$20,000 a year. That's not bad money for someone without a real education."

Except for a six-month stint on a charter boat in the Bahamas, Shearer worked the barges until 1982 when he joined the U.S. Navy. He spent the entirety of his service in the Orient.

"I took all my leaves and vacations over there traveling," he said. "Once,

I took a month's leave and took a train trip through that area, from Singapore and back to Bangkok."

Shearer said that during his travels in the Far East, the people and places he encountered left a lasting impression.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with my degree yet, but I do want to go back overseas and live someday, maybe Japan or Thailand."

Their whole lifestyle, everything they do is completely different. Their pace of life is so slow; they're not in such a hurry. They have time to talk to each other."

Shearer said he would like to do more traveling through the region.

"If I ever get rich, I'd like to buy a sailboat and just sail around the Orient and see everything."

After his four-year service in the Navy, he returned to the Mississippi in 1986. Of his Navy career he said he has "no regrets."

"I liked it, if just for the travel. I got to travel more than I ever thought I would," he said.

Shearer worked steadily for a year on a barge until 1987 when he began attending Missouri Southern. He now works on the river only during the summer and Christmas breaks.

"I'm tired of it," he said, "extremely tired of it. That's why I'm going to college. I've been working on boats all of my adult life. I'm ready for a change."

(Clockwise from top) ► A towboat pushes a tow of barges on the Mississippi River.

► The towboat *Joyce Hale* heads toward its final destination of New Orleans.

► Mike Lane, chief engineer of the *Joyce Hale*, uses ear protectors to block out noise as he sees to maintenance and repair of the engines.

► The *Joyce Hale* was home to Darrell Shearer, senior communications major, for nearly six years.

► As Shearer (above) makes his way through college, he dreams of someday owning a sailboat and traveling back to the Orient, where he spent his service in the U.S. Navy.



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